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# Curtis High Chooses Its Daffodil Princess



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## PRINCESS JANE MUTSCHLER Named at University Place

By ROD CARDWELL

There's no secret about what happened to a blonde would-be spy for the Central Intelligence Agency last night.

She won the plum assignment as special agent from Curtis High School and University Place to the royal court of the 1963 Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival.

She's Princess Jane Mutschler, 17, a retired Air Force officer's daughter who aspires to go into foreign intelligence after college work in political science and languages.

### Like JFK Visit

And the brown-eyed miss with hair to match the yellow sparkle of the festival daffodils—

anything to talk over the State of the Union with JFK.

Asked master of ceremonies Dick Weeks of princess candidate Jane:

"If you were granted an hour's conversation with anyone in the world, what famous person would you choose?"

"I would choose President Kennedy," she responded without hesitation, "because there are so many matters about government that I would like to know."

She added that the chat with JFK certainly would have helped in a political science test that gave her a bit of trouble.

Princess Jane, whose second

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cousin, Jim Mutschler is a professional football player with the Baltimore Colts, was born in Detroit and lived for a time in Tokyo and Canada. Her parents are Col. and Mrs. Gus Mutschler, 4205 Olympic Blvd.

Chic in a pink wool sweater and skirt, the 5' 5" blonde captured the collective heart of the judges with her appearance, poise and speaking. She's a journalism student, song leader, ardent skier, swimmer and, because the sport runs in the family, a Curtis Powder Puff football player.

Jane wasn't the only winner on the Curtis gymnasium stage, decorated to tell the story of Cinderella and her moment of glory.

### Two Runners-Up

The judges, who included new Sheriff Jack Berry in his debut as a public functionary, named two runners-up, Judith Anderson and Claudia Mayfield, as usherettes for the princess.

Senior boys shared the spotlight, too. Brian Kelly was selected as Princess Jane's escort.

Named to escort Judith and Claudia were Earl Stuard and Bill Morton.

Not to be outdone by the youngsters, University Place School Supt. George Curtis reserved one of the most pleasant assignments for himself—that of showing 1962 Daffodil Queen Sharon Silvernail of Orting to the stage.

And the audience showed its tolerance by declining to run master of ceremonies Weeks out of town on a rail. After a rather impressive performance at the microphone, Weeks committed a memorable slip in a reference to the Curtis music department. He said Clover Park.

Music director Robert Northrop acted as if he didn't mind the unpardonable sin. And his students were in excellent voice in a round of Broadway favorites.

### Other Judges

Judges besides Berry were Mrs. Edwin Schneebeck, Judge Waldo Stone and State Rep. Frances Swayze. The male escorts were selected by Donald Wolverers and John Draper.

Other princess candidates were Connie Babb, Sally Kimball, Sandra Paul and Susan Samuelson. They were escorted by Rocky Wicks, Jerry McDonald, Jim Hansen and Richard VanBuskirk.

General chairman of University Place Daffodil activities is Harold M. Anderson. Dan Blum served as chairman of the princess pageant.